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SUBJ: AUSTRIAN DECISION CEASE FACILITATIVE

ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH EMIGRES

REF: COPENHAGEN 2453

1. WHEN DCM SAW MFA'S POLITICAL DIRECTOR
OLDENBURG OCT 10, LATTER REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR
CROWE'S REQUEST TO FONMIN ANDERSEN OCT 2 THAT
DANES JOIN US IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE AUSTRIAN GOVT
TO CHANGE ITS DECISION. OLDENBURG SAID THAT, AS
RESULT, THE DANISH AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM COPENHAGEN SAW FONMIN KIRCH-

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SLAEGER (APPARENTLY OCT 8) AND MENTIONED THE

TRADITIONAL DANISH HUMANITARIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE JEWS AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE IN COPENHAGEN WAS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S DECISION. IN RESPONSE KIRCHSCHLAEGER HAD SAID THAT UNTIL OCT 5 NO CHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE. THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WAS STILL ISSUING VISAS TO RUSSIAN JEWS, AND IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL WERE STILL BEING PROCESSED IN AUSTRIA. IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVT TO SHORTEN THEIR STAY IN THAT COUNTRY, BUT HE ASSURED THE DANISH AMBASSADOR THAT THE SCHOENAU CAMP WOULD NOT BE GIVEN UP UNTIL OTHER APPROPRIATE FACILITIES WERE FOUND. KIRCHSCHLAEGER SAID THAT HE HAD EMPHASIZED "UNTIL OCT 5" BECAUSE MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER THE RUSSIANS WOULD CONTINUE TO LET THE JEWS OUT NOW THAT HOSTILITIES HAD BROKEN OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. OLDENBURG EXPRESSED SOME UNDERSTANDING FOR THE AUSTRIAN POSITION DUE TO HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE SCHOENAU CAMP HAD BEEN THE SCENE OF CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY BY ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE AGENTS. HE SUSPECTED THAT KREISKY USED THE OCCASION OF THE TERRORIST DEMANDS TO ANNOUNCE THE CLOSING OF A FACILITY WHICH WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONSPICUOUS AND APPARENTLY DISTASTEFUL TO HIM.

3. DCM REITERATED THAT ONE OF OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERNS WAS FACT THAT NO MATTER THE MOTIVATION, THE IMPRESSION HAD BEEN GIVEN THAT THE AUSTRIANS HAD YIELDED TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. HE DID, HOWEVER, EXPRESS THANKS TO OLDENBURG FOR THE DANISH ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST.
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